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A BILL BY WHICH FREE PERSONS OF COLOR MAY ENSLAVE THEMSELVES.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the 2 State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the 3 authority of the same, That all free persons of color over 4 twenty-one years of age, married or unmarried, possessing a sound and contracting mind, shall have full right, 6 power and authority to enslave themselves to any white 7 citizen of this State, in the same manner, and under the 8 same rules and regulations as are now prescribed by law 9 for the conveyance of real estate by feme coverts.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all free persons of 2 color thus enslaving themselves, shall be forever thereaf-3 ter regarded in law and equity, as negro slaves to all in-4 tents and purposes.

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